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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know in which districts the Director's circular has been instrumental in checking smoking among boys in schools and colleges ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the attention of students is now being drawn to this circular in schools and colleges ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I believe that is a fact."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether Government propose to take any further steps to discourage smoking among boys in colleges and schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Till we get further information we do not propose to take any steps."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire whether Government are aware that smoking is allowed outside the school premises, say play-grounds, and outside their homes ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I am not aware of any such practice."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" If there is such a practice what steps Government propose to take to check the habit of smoking ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is a hypothetical question."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" There is smoking going on outside the school ? "

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will have to take the opportunity during budget debates."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether teachers are instructed not to smoke in the presence of the boys ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think that liberties of individuals can be restricted."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know the reasons why it is not considered necessary to place the reports on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Because it is impossible to arrange and print those voluminous reports. If a summary of the reports is wanted by the hon. Member I am quite prepared to give it."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know if teachers are smoking in the presence of their pupils ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether he is prepared to issue a circular directing that teachers should not smoke at least in the class-room ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Certainly, such an instruction I am prepared to issue if the teachers are doing that, as I think it is very wrong."

Co-education of boys and girls in elementary schools.

* 1537 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to encourage co-education of boys and girls in elementary schools ; and

(*b*) if so, what action they intend to take in this matter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether in sanctioning money for opening separate boys' and girls' schools in the coming budget this matter has been kept in view ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Establishment of additional girls' high schools in the Presidency.

* 1538 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 626 answered on 26th November 1928 regarding the establishment of girls' schools in additional centres—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding the establishment of high schools for girls in additional centres ;

(b) if so, what it is ;

(c) in how many places such schools, if any, were established in the current year ; and

(d) how many more are proposed to be established in the next year and where ?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

(c) A secondary school for girls was opened at Bellary in the current year.

(d) It is proposed to establish a secondary school at Ellore.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b), may I know from the hon. Minister for how long this matter has been under the consideration of Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For about ten months."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Is it not a fact that the Director of Public Instruction made a tour in the heart of the presidency with a view to come to a decision upon this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, he did. The proposal is now under consideration."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" How long are they going to consider ? Are they going to settle it before the budget is finally fixed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" These are not matters that can be settled in a day."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether Government have any intention of appointing a committee to consider and report on the question of secondary education of girls before going on with the further establishment of secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That matter will be considered."

Libraries in the Presidency.

* 1539 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of libraries in this province ;

(b) where they are situated ;

(c) by whom they are managed ;

(d) the number of books in English and in vernaculars in each ;